

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**  
**Office of the City Manager**  
**Letter to Commission No. 013-2005**



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** January 13, 2005

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

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**Subject: MIAMI TROPICAL MARATHON-COMMUNITY MEETING**

The third annual Miami Tropical Marathon will take place Sunday January 30, 2005, with a 26.2-mile course beginning and ending in front of the American Airlines Arena, and taking place through the City of Miami Beach, City of Miami and Miami-Dade County. This year, a 5K will take place on Saturday January 29, beginning at Watson Island and concluding on South Pointe Drive.

On Sunday, February 2, 2003, the Miami Tropical Marathon will begin with a 5:50 a.m. wheelchair start and a 6:00 a.m. runner start time. Race organizers expect over 10,000 participants to compete in the marathon or half-marathon. The City of Miami Beach will host the half marathon, 13.1 miles, leg of the race. Race rules state that anyone who falls behind on a 14-minute mile will be disqualified from the race and be picked up by a shuttle bus. Therefore, all marathon racers will have exited the City of Miami Beach by 8:30 a.m. Miami Beach police will begin their rolling closures of the affected areas starting at 5AM to clear traffic and conclude at 9AM when all runners will be off of Miami Beach. The race route will go as follows (see attached route map):

| <u>Street</u>   | <u>Direction</u> | <u>From</u>    | <u>To</u>      | <u>Closed</u> | <u>Open</u> |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| MacArthur Cswy (Northernmost eastbound lane always open)                            | Eastbound        | I-395          | Alton Rd/5 St. | 5:00 A.M.     | 7:10 A.M.   |
| Alton Road  | Southbound       | 5 St           | Biscayne St    | 5:00 A.M.     | 7:20 A.M.   |
| Bicayne St.   | Eastbound        | Alton Rd       | Ocean Dr       | 5:00 A.M.     | 7:20 A.M.   |
| Ocean Drive   | Both             | 5 St           | 15 St          | 4:45 A.M.     | 7:30 A.M.   |
| 14 St   | Westbound        | Ocean Drive    | Washington Av  | 6:00 A.M.     | 7:40 A.M.   |
| Washington Ave (Contra-flow created using southbound lanes)                         | Northbound       | 14 St          | Dade Blvd      | 5:00 A.M.     | 8:00 A.M.   |
| Dade Blvd   | Westbound        | 23 St/PineTree | Dade Blvd      | 6:10 A.M.     | 8:00 A.M.   |
| Prarie Ave  | Northbound       | Dade Blvd      | 23 St          | 6:10 A.M.     | 7:55 A.M.   |
| 23 St   | Westbound        | Prarie Ave     | Meridian Ave   | 6:10 A.M.     | 8:00 A.M.   |
| Meridian Ave  | Southbound       | 23 St          | Dade Blvd      | 6:10 A.M.     | 8:00 A.M.   |
| Venetian Causeway (Eastbound open west of Toll Booth (local traffic westbound plan) | Westbound        | Purdy Ave      | Herald Plaza   | 6:20 A.M.     | 9:00 A.M.   |
| Venetian Causeway (Detour as if drawbridge were in locked in up position)           | Eastbound        | Bayshore Dr.   | Toll Booth     | 6:15 A.M.     | 9:00 A.M.   |

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On Saturday, January 29, the 5K will begin at 7AM and follow the below route:

| <u>Street</u>  | <u>Direction</u> | <u>From</u>   | <u>To</u>         | <u>Closed</u> | <u>Open</u>  |
|--|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| MacArthur Cswy<br>(Northernmost eastbound<br>lane always open) | Eastbound        | I-395         | Alton Rd/5<br>St. | 7:00 A.M.     | 8:20<br>A.M. |
| Alton Road   | Southbound       | 5 St<br>Alton | Biscayne St       | 7:20 A.M.     | 8:30<br>A.M. |
| Bicayne St./So Pointe Dr.                                      | Eastbound        | Rd            | Ocean Dr          | 7:00 A.M.     | 8:45<br>A.M. |

During the 5K, Palm, Star & Hibiscus Islands will have normal exit and entrance ability. There will be limited access to South Pointe Park from 7 to 8:30AM.

For the marathon, Miami Beach Police Department will implement a comprehensive traffic plan that includes over 50 police officers, volunteers and numerous detour signs that will allow traffic to flow with ease. The 5K follows a similar plan for the affected areas only.

Much effort has been put forth in notifying the neighborhoods to be effected by the marathon, including Palm/Hibiscus and Star Islands, South Pointe, Ocean Drive, Middle Beach and the Venetian Islands. Additionally, please be advised that a community meeting will be held to discuss the Miami Tropical Marathon on Tuesday, January 18, 2003 at 5:30 pm in City Hall, Commission Chambers.

c: Christina M. Cuervo, Assistant City Manager  
Max Sklar, Acting Tourism and Cultural Development Director  
Graham Winick, Film and Print Coordinator

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